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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

9 ~~33~~. [New] A system for issuing portable programmed data carriers comprising interface means for acquiring personalization data for a cardholder and characteristic data for personalization means and for further transferring the personalization data to the personalization means as specified by the characteristic data to issue the data carrier.

B/ 10 ~~34~~. [New] A system for issuing portable programmed data carriers comprising:
system interface means for acquiring a personalization means identifier and personalization data for a cardholder from a card issuer management system;
personalization interface means for acquiring characteristic data for a type of personalization means from a record in a database identified by the personalization means identifier; and
the personalization interface means for further transferring the personalization data to personalization means as specified by the characteristic data for the type of personalization means to issue the data carrier.

11 ~~35~~. [New] The system of claim ¹⁰~~34~~, further comprising:
application interface means for acquiring application data from a record in the database identified by an application identifier acquired by the system interface means; and
the personalization interface means for further transferring the application data to the personalization means as specified by the characteristic data.